



"We Want Our People to Think for Themselves."
MARCUS GARVEY



Cleaver And Seale Accept Algiers Bid

ALGIERS, July 13 (AP) — Two Black Panther leaders, Eldridge Cleaver and Bobby Seale, have accepted invitations to the Pan-African Cultural Festival beginning here July 21, but have not yet arrived in Algiers, the festival organizers said today.

Cleaver, the Black Panther minister of Information, disappeared from the United States last November after failing to surrender on a parole revocation order. He had been convicted of assault with intent to kill and was paroled after serving eight years of a 13-year term. The parole was revoked after a shooting between Panthers and policemen in Oakland, Calif., in which Cleaver was wounded and another Panther killed.

Cleaver was in Cuba for a time, he was believed to have left the island within the last few weeks.

The festival Cleaver and Seale promised to attend was conceived at a meeting of African chiefs of state at Kinshasa, the Congo, in 1967. The original idea involved folkloric, but when President Boumediene of Algeria offered Algiers as a site, he suggested the festival be expanded to include presentations of modern and traditional theater, dance, music and art exhibitions. Much African art from museums outside Africa is being specially lent for the festival.

MIGNON MUST FACE TRIAL FOR SHOOTING!

by ABENG CRIME REPORTER



GLEN MIGNON, NEWLY APPOINTED
DIRECTOR OF PRISONS

On the 25th of June last it was reported in the Star that a motorist Mr. Bruce Bravo, had been shot through the window of his car on the evening of the 7th of June at the corner of Grove and Central Roads. According to Mr. Bravo, while he was driving slowly along Grove Road, a man rushed up to him at the junction with a gun and said "don't move". He ignored the command and immediately heard a shot, the bullet shattering the rear door glass, entering his back and

lodging in his lung. He received 32 stitches and was hospitalized for one week.

The report also states that on the same night, COLONEL GLEN MIGNON, the newly appointed Director of Prisons, reported to the H.W.T. police that a motorist had reversed into his car at that same spot, and was driving away without saying anything, so he fired a shot at the motorist's car tyre. The report continues, "he did not know if anyone was hit".

GROSS IRRESPONSIBILITY

If this report is true, then on his own admission, the Prison Director has committed an act of gross irresponsibility and at least one or more criminal offence. On the statement of Mr. Bravo it appears that a criminal act of a very serious nature has been committed.

Mignon, it appears, has too well imbibed his army training of "shoot first and ask questions later", and to have such a person in charge of our institutions for administering punishment to offenders is a backward and unenlightened step. Our prisons are crying out for greater, not less, humanity in their operations.

We are amazed that Col. Mignon has been permitted to continue in his new post while this dark shadow looms over his fitness to carry out its delicate and important functions.

COVERED UP

Much more serious than Col. Mignon's continued exercise of office is the apparent attitude of officialdom. The report states "the matter has been a closely guarded secret until it leaked out." It also quotes a relative of the complainant as

saying, "The matter is being covered up from high quarters." The police seem to find it necessary to carry out ballistic tests and submit statements to law officers before taking the obvious steps in an apparently clear-cut case, and we are concerned that in this matter up to now there has been no report that any action has been taken.

In 1966 when George Copeland was shot at East Race Course, the analyst's report that the fatal bullet had come from the gun of a police officer was not made public until 6 months after the shooting. This report was not considered sufficient and the bullet was sent abroad to be tested by a foreign ballistics expert. Mysteriously, however, it was exposed to the sea air and became rusty, making it impossible for the foreign expert to test it.

ABENG intends to see that the course of justice is not defeated by any similar mishap in this case.

Viewing the Situation in Jamaica Today

by JOHN GETWISE

Now Abeng come to the rescue of the black-working-class. White power structure and local parasite, blood suckers are mourning; for the horn is sounding in every corner of Jamaica and is welcome for its revolutionary tone, a note that all blackman begin to sing-let my people go.

The people have no ships to take them back to Africa nor to bring guns for them. I don't know what to say the monkey won't do (backra) shoot birds him shoot man too. This is a conflicting situation, for those who represent the people are for the first time caught in the people's trap, they are asking the people to surrender the guns they lend them to win elections to the house on Duke Street for a bible, and the church will look after the situation better I am saying this will never solve our problems. What will work is that the politicians and gospel grinders believers, those people who say leave things to (God), they themselves must repent and surrender the lands the banks and insurance companies over to the working-class-black people of Jamaica. It is the working class people that keep state machinery going, not the drones in this country who do no work. Cut going abroad on trips to bank money eat free and attend fabulous functions and sleep in lofty mansions on top of the hills in saint Andrew, and where they are hiding from the wrath of the voters who as now become rebellious and dissatisfied.

GOVERNMENT OF PERU REQUESTS PEASANTS' SUPPORT FOR AGRARIAN REFORM

Lima, July 1 (PL) — "The land shall be yours because you are the one who works it," read handbills being distributed throughout the country by the Military Government of Peru, in which the peasants are asked to put forth greater effort in farming, after the promulgation of the agrarian reform law.

The appeal — written in both Spanish and Quechua — points out that "There will no longer be tenant farmers or sharecroppers, nor will shares or other forms of rental payments be made, because, from now on, all crops will belong to the peasants and their families."

"Since you will be the owner now, you must defend what is yours. Be on guard against politicians, the accomplices of the exploiters. They will tell you that when you are the owner of the land it will not yield good crops, that production will fail, that the cattle will grow thin and and finally die," the handbills explain.

In conclusion, the Military Government appeals to the peasants to prove that they can make the land produce more.

Fruitful Vale Health Centre Without Doctor



PORTLAND REPORTER

In many rural areas health clinics serve a great many people and are often ill-equipped to satisfy the needs of the area.

The Fruitful Vale Health Centre in Shrewsbury, Portland, is served by one doctor who does full-time work at the Annotto Bay hospital, 21 miles away. Because of the pressure of work in Annotto Bay the doctor often postpones his visit to the clinic. When this is the case the doctor sends a telegram telling the nurse that he will be unable to make it. This means the patients who have waited an entire day will either have to travel into Annotto Bay or return the other week.

Clinic hours are between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. On July 9th about 60 people were still waiting at the Fruitful Vale Health Centre after 5 p.m. to hear from the doctor.

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Dance Beaters

The most regular dance-crashers are policemen. Because of this dance patrons and Sound System operators in Western Kingston, Papine, August Town, Hermitage, Tavern Bull Bay, Standpipe, Barbican, Red Hills and several other Kingston areas go out in fear of being shot or arrested. Every week-end armed policemen move into dance halls between midnight and one o'clock in the morning to harass Black Man and disorganize our assembly.

Only three week-ends ago, some 125 people, most of them youths, were arrested and jailed, without any charges made against them. On the Saturday night of June 28th, a construction worker, Lionel Williams, was shot to death in his chest by a policeman from the Harmon Barracks Squad.

Apart from shooting and making arrests some policemen wreck the sound systems and raid the bar for beers or rum before crashing another spot. Wherever the Sound System operator is playing he usually sees to it that those presenting the dance or himself inform the police when it will take place. In spite of this, many operators complain that Babylon's Saturday night spree is taking the bread from their mouths as raids are nevertheless carried out.

Last Saturday night there was an ABENG fund-raising dance off the Spanish Town Rd. keeping within the hour.

six helmeted Harmon Barracks men came into the schoolroom at five minutes before one that Sunday morning and patrolled for a short while before leaving. No arrests were made but the floor was left almost bare as patrons who had been dancing or catching by the fence disappeared as the sound of 'lice was given. Count Boysie's Sounds which was playing then, had been partially wrecked two weeks before by a similar police raid. All the dances which the police have crashed have been in Sufferer Areas. Why have these police raids become so frequent? Certain police officials claim that these dances harbour criminals. However, according to police calculations, almost all Black Man in these sufferer areas are criminals if judged by the way scores are hauled off on Sunday mornings to jail.

Of greater importance is the cultural and political threat these dances are to Babylon. Man and Man are not only seeking Saturday night fun but are reasoning and organizing among themselves. The music itself is the most valid expression of our African militancy. Dance posters in this case vividly reflect the sign of these times - "Dis Great Ethiopian Fiesta", "A Nite of Message to the Black King", "Black Fiesta", and "Black Power Nite".

It is this black militancy and assembly that Babylon wants to destroy, but the sounds are now too widespread for them to jump the gun which has set off the complete vanking of our enemies.

Haile Selassie's 77th Birthday to be Celebrated Here



Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia will be seventy-seven years old next week. His birthday is to be celebrated with a double - 7 Festival of Arts-African Dancing, Drumming, Art and Poetry at the Student's Union, UWI, next Wednesday, July 23rd, from evening to night hours.

Artists include Tommy McCook and the Supersonics, the Eteke Drummers, and the African dancers. A special edition of the Black Man Speaks magazine will appear that day. The last issue of the magazine was published on May 25th during the All African Day celebrations. Admission is by contribution.

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Black Panthers Launch United Front to Combat Fascism in America

FROM ABENG LIBERATION REPORTER, NEW YORK



TAKE PANTHERS INTO CUSTODY: Denver police and F.B.I. agent, right, start search of Black Panther center. Two were seized in connection with New Haven murder.

The latest wave of repression against the Black Liberation struggle in the United States is now being directed against revolutionary BLACK PANTHER PARTY.

Veteran observers in that country say that the current attacks against the Panthers have reached a level of unrestrained savagery and brutality unequalled in recent times in a country known for the violent aggression of its white ruling class. Many Panthers have been killed, wounded or arrested, and others forced to flee the country or go underground. Party headquarters equipment and funds have been destroyed or seized in many States. Panther leaders have long been predicting a coordinated offensive initiated from the highest ranks. Chairman and founder Bobby Seale was quite clear about the aims of the repression. Nixon's government, he said, was "attempting to destroy the national and state level Black Panther Party leaderships."

The ferocity of the attacks have resulted in:

The arrests on various "trumped-up charges" (convictions are rare) of over 100 Party members this year. 21 Panthers are to be tried in New York on charges of conspiracy, and large numbers of Panthers have recently been arrested in Chicago, New Haven, Sacramento, Seattle, Oakland, Denver and Oregon, Colorado and New Jersey.

Panther leaders have charged that the arrests are part of a high level plot, using criminal law in an openly police state fashion to discredit the Panthers in the eyes of the oppressed classes, as well as to destroy the functioning organization. They point to the fact that bail is often set as high as \$100,000, deliberately tying up funds needed for revolutionary programs. Prominent leaders like Eldridge Cleaver have been forced into political exile in order to escape political detention and political assassination.

Shameless gangsterism and open lawlessness by "pig" law enforcement agencies. More than 20 Panther members have been murdered by the police in the last three years. In a recent rampage against the Sacramento headquarters on June 15th, 15 persons suffered gunshot wounds. They mayor of that city, after seeing the Headquarters riddled with bullet holes and strewn with broken typewriters and a roomful of damaged food for a children's breakfast program, said "I am shocked and horrified. This just cannot continue." All indications are that it will. In this "land of the free", police state terrorism has now been turned inward against its own people as well as outward, against the people of Latin America, Asia and Africa.

In a matter of three years the Panthers have become a nationwide organization of Black militants and their revolutionary policies have gained wide support. The Party works for community control of the police, and in the last year has

set up a nationwide BREAKFAST FOR CHILDREN program to feed thousands of hungry school children. It is now planning to set up HEALTH CLINICS to alleviate the miserable health care of the poor in capitalist America. These programs naturally receive wide support in the black community and oppressed classes. Small wonder racist exploiters seek to pit the might of their power against the Panthers. The Party's position is that it is capitalism which guarantees the continuation of racist oppression. It is possible for it to make principled alliances with white minority groups in the fight against capitalism and white racism, and take a firm stand against black capitalists and reactionaries trying to parade under the banners of black power. On July 18th, on the Panthers' initiative, a conference of revolutionary and opposition groups will be held to develop "a United Front against Fascism in America." Such tactics make it harder for the ruling class to isolate the Panthers from the black community and oppressed classes - and thus harder to buy off or bribe the Panthers.

How will the Party fare in such ferocious attacks? The impressive level of political discipline and the high level of revolutionary education required of all members should serve it well in the struggle. (Members must attend two hours of political education classes a day, send at least 50 copies of the Party newspaper a week, bring in new members, observe strict rules of personal discipline, subject to punishment or expulsion.) Chairman Bobby Seale explained the effects of the attacks on the Party's support: "We understand that when we are attacked more people come forth to understand and try to seek out information from the Party and try to understand why we are attacked, and the ranks of the Party spread rapidly and fast when we have such attacks."

Munongo snatched the bayonet from the belt of a gendarme and leaned over Lumumba. Slowly, calmly, the bayonet pierced his ribs. The European mercenaries (the Belgians and an Englishman named Russell Cargill), who had met at this spot and were drinking to "celebrate" the arrival of Lumumba, had been warned of the assassination but could not take it. Colonel Huyghe took out his revolver, pointed it at the man's head, and fired.

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ders are being administered in all departments of Government.

We are living in a so-called democratic society, where a certain sector of this society are being robbed of their freedom of assembly and peaceful association.

Is this a democratic society? There is no freedom of movement, expression, and liberty allowed to a certain sector of people in Jamaica. This sector is composed mainly of the "Black sufferers".

My brothers and sisters why can't you get rid of the two party system that betrayed us and sold us to the capitalists of this country. If we don't take action now, too late

shall be our cry.

I know that many of us have great plans for our future. We are soon going to capitalize upon our and, whenever we have made a mistake we said to ourselves, "We won't make that mistake again. We are going to profit by the lesson that experience has taught us. We are going to build our future on the mistakes of our past."

My brothers and sisters it is sweet and glorious to fight and die for one's country. Deep in my heart I know, one day ye shall overcome.

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We should face the fact, too, that where ever we create our own capital we keep a greater proportion of wealth in our country. And we must encourage our own people to do so. Recently Mr. Stuart Sharpe was interviewed on a television program in the United States. Faced with the stated preference of the Americans there for cottages rather than big hotels, Mr. Sharpe blurted out that he would like to see more Americans building cottages in Jamaica. No! Mr. Sharpe. That should not be your answer. You should have assured them that we Jamaicans would build more cottages which they could rent, or better still, board. Then you should return home to urge small people to invest in single cottages and encourage banks and insurance companies to make available the necessary loans to make this possible. And we should sell no more land to foreigners. They should get no further than a lease.

We cannot afford to be sentimental or obsequious with the larger powers. We have a fast expanding family. It may be that we should practise more birth control. But right now we have a responsibility to our children who are already here. They must grow up well nourished, healthy, intelligent, educated and dignified. To take care of their wellbeing we need all the revenue we can get. The fundamental needs of our nearly 2 million people are our most important task. If we remember that we will not sell our birth-right for a mess of pottage.

PLAINTALK

Cannibalism & the Workers at Alcoa

Sometime in December 1968, I was offered a job with the Alcoa Minerals Inc., in the Construction Personnel Dept. I accepted the post.

I was told that as a result of the agreement that Alcoa Minerals have with the Government of Jamaica, the hourly paid workers for the Construction Plant have to be recruited through the Ministry of Labour. It was agreed by the Government, for Alcoa to have a representative, stationed at the Ministry of Labour in May Pen to act as a liaison between the Government and Alcoa and to ensure that the recruitment is carried out in a fair and just manner. I was appointed Alcoa's representative at the Ministry of Labour's office in May Pen.

Somewhere about the 19th December 1968, Alcoa's Personnel Officer, Personnel Supt. and I, attended at the Ministry Labour in Kingston and had a full discussion with Mr. Stanley Thomas of the Ministry, in regards to the procedure for the recruitment of workers. It was decided to commence the processing of workers on Monday the 6th January 1969.

On Monday the 6th January, I arrived at the office of the Ministry of Labour in May Pen at about 9.00 a.m. where I met Mr. Maylor, the officer in charge. Mr. Herry Morant, Mr. Wolfe and Miss Beale. I spoke to Mr. Maylor and informed him of my mission. Mr. Maylor told me that he had no knowledge about the processing of workers for Alcoa, but he was of the opinion that since I told him that there was discussion with Mr. Stanley Thomas as late as December 19th, he was of the opinion that he would receive some information from the Ministry of Labour-Kingston before the end of the day. At the end of the day, he told me that he had no word from Kingston and for the month of January he had no word from Mr. Thomas nor the Ministry, in regards Alcoa's recruitment. I kept Alcoa informed that there was no processing of workers going on at the Ministry of Labour, though there was registration of workers. Each day several hundred workers gathered, seeking registration.

On Friday the 31st of January at about 2.00 p.m., I was hurriedly summoned to Alcoa's office at Woodside, there I was told that Mr. Woble wanted to see me, and on meeting Mr. Woble, he inquired of me what Mr. Dudley McKinley the M.P. and myself had that day, as Mr. McKinley telephoned in wrath and rage, saying that Alcoa must get rid of me right away. He said that Mr. McKinley was in such a mood on the telephone, that he gave him the impression that Mr. McKinley and myself had clashed that day at the Ministry.

I was asked when last I saw and spoke to Mr. McKinley, I replied that I had not seen Mr. McKinley for months and no one and I had anything at the Ministry's office, and in fact anywhere. A few days after I went to the Ministry's office, I discovered that the Ministry's office was a rendezvous for lobbying, by staunch adherents of the J.L.P., B.I.T.U. delegates and certain members of the office staff. The office was more a J.L.P. office than a Government Labour office and Mr. Morant, a member of the staff was always the chief host.

I observed that the J.L.P. B.I.T.U. regular visitors to the office did not welcome my presence there, some of them openly expressed it, one Constantine Neath who is a B.I.T.U. delegate and a J.L.P. councillor said right in the office that he did not want to see me there and he is going to see Mr. McKinley and the Prime Minister, to force Alcoa to get rid of me.

One day in early March I was instructed that the following morning I should report at Alcoa's Construction Office, 44 Manchester Avenue, May Pen before going to the Ministry's office. On reporting, I was asked what the Prime Minister and I had, and was told that the politicians do not want me in the job. I replied stating that the Prime Minister and I had nothing whatsoever. I was told that the politicians want Alcoa to get rid of me and I should not go back to the Ministry's office until further instructions. When I was told that the politicians don't want me in the job, I requested that the reasons be disclosed to me. No reason was given to me. I further asked what have I done and the reply I got is this "I too am asking this same question - what have you done".

Some weeks later Alcoa appointed another person in my place to be their representative at the Ministry.

On Wednesday 18th June, I was told that Alcoa could not employ me any longer than the end of June 1969.

These are the untainted facts the general public, ladies and gentlemen You are the judge and jury the verdict is yours.

Yours faithfully,

Eli Sampson

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